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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y -- FIRST PARA --

PRG ACCEPTANCE OF THE RECENT SEVEN POINT GVN CEASEFIRE PLAN. IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS GVN REPRESENTATIVES TRIED TO PLACE ENTIRE BLAME UPON THE PRG FOR THE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS. (NEITHER SIDE COMMENTED ON THE COMING KISSINGER- THO MEETINGS.) THE NEXT SVN BILATERAL SESSION WILL BE HELD JUNE 7. (USDEL JEC PARIS 15089).

C. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ON US SENATE CAMBODIAN RESOLUTION

A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN TOLD THE PRESS JUNE 1 THAT THE US SENATE RESOLUTION ON BOMBING OF CAMBODIA WAS AN AMERICAN INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTER BUT THAT IT WOULD AFFECT EFFORTS TO RESTORE PEACE IN INDOCHINA IN VIEW OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE INDOCHINESE NATIONS AND THE COMMUNIST FAILURE TO RENOUNCE THEIR AMBITION OF CONQUERING THESE COUNTRIES BY FORCE OF ARMS.

D. SAIGON SPOKESMAN REACTS TO REPORTED REMARKS BY SENATOR MCGOVERN; HANOI BLASTS REACTION

GVN SPOKESMAN BUI BAO TRUC ON JUNE 1 CRITICIZED A " RECENT" STATEMENT BY SENATOR MCGOVERN IN WHICH THE LATTER REPORTEDLY DISCOUNTED CLAIMS OF NVA/ VC CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, PLACING THE BLAME ON THE GVN. AFTER TAKING A GRATUITOUS SWIPE AT THE SENATORS' PERFORMANCE AT THE POLLS IN 1972, TRUC INVITED MCGOVERN " OR ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME" TO VISIT VIET- NAM AND WITNESS THE COMMUNISTS' VIOLATIONS FOR HIMSELF. HANOI, FOR ITS PART, DEFENDED THE SENATOR'S STATEMENTS AND CRITICIZED THE GVN FRO TRYING TO " DISPARAGE MCGOVERN." CONFIDENTIAL

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E. HANOI DIPLOMATIC ARRIVALS

ON MAY 31 VNA REPORTED THE ARRIVAL IN HANOI OF THE NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR, CLAUDE CHAYET, ON THAT DAY. ON JUNE 2 VNA NOTED THE ARRIVAL OF ASHFAQUE AHMED KHAN, AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN.

F. LPA REPORTS JAPANESE DIETMAN'S DEMAND THAT GOJ RECOGNIZE VIET CONG

ON JUNE 2 LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (LPA) REPORTED THAT A COMMUNIST MEMBER OF THE DIET, KANEKA MITSUHIRO, HAD DEMANDED THAT THE TANAKA GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE AND ESTABLISH

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE VIET CONG' S PRG. IN HIS STATEMENT, MADE BEFORE THE FOREIGN COMMITTEE, MITSUHIRO ALSO DENOUNCED THE US, IN " COLLUSION" WITH THE TANAKA ADMINISTRATION, FOR " ILLEGALLY" TRANSFERRING WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FROM JAPAN TO SOUTH VIET- NAM. (HANOI' S VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY ON JUNE 3 REPORTED THAT A FOUR- MAN JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION, INCLUDING MITSUHIRO, HAD ARRIVED IN HANOI JUNE .)

G. HANOI BLASTS BRITISH STATEMENT ON ICCS

HANOI' S ARMY NEWSPAPER, QUAN DOI NHAN DAN, ON JUNE 1 ASSAILED A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE THE DAY BEFORE WHICH BLAMED CANADA' S DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ICCS ON THE DRV AND VIET CONG' S NON- COOPERATION. IN UTTERING THIS " BRAZEN SLANDER" THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, " LIKE A US GOVERNMENT MOUTHPIECE", IS " PURSUING A POLICY OF TAILING AFTER THE UNITED STATES." QUAN DOI NHAN DAN CONTENDED THAT THE BRITISH HAVE " REPEATEDLY TAKEN VERY BAD ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF NEARLY ALL THE POLICIES IMPLEMENTED BY THE US AGGRESSORS IN THE SOUTH". BRITAIN HAS CONTINUED HER " VICIOUS POLICY" IN THE POST- WAR PERIOD BY " SUPPORTING AND DEFENDING US AND SAIGON OPPOSITION TO OUR PEOPLE' S STRUGGLE."

H. HANOI REBUTS " SOUTH CHINA POST" ON " SHARK WAR".

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HANOI RADIO ON JUNE 4 CONDEMNED WHAT IT CALLED " DISTORTED ALLEGATIONS" WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTED BY WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES ON MAY 30 TO THE HONG KONG PAPER, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST. ACCORDING TO HANOI' S RENDITION, THE POST CLAIMED THAT FISHING BOATS OF HONG KONG REGISTRY HAD BEEN " CHASED AND APPREHENDED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE GUNBOATS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS" AND, UPON APPREHENSION, THEIR CREWS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED " TO INTERROGATION AND TRIAL AND HAVE BEEN PUNISHED VERY SEVERELY." THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER, SAID RADIO HANOI, IS THAT HONG KONG FISHERMAN " HAD VIOLATED DRV TERRITORIAL WATER" WHILE HARVESTING SHRIMP AND FISH IN THE VICINITY OF CO TO AND LONG CHAU ISLANDS. AFTER PAYING FINES, THE CAPTAINS " OF ALL THESE BOATS" ADMITTED THEIR GUILT, THANKED THE LOCAL NORTH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR " HUMANE TREATMENT" AND PROMISED TO AVOID DRV TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE FUTURE. THE BROADCAST LABELED " SHEER FABRICATION" THE POST' S CONTENTION THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD SIMILARLY SEIZED FISHING BOATS FROM CHINESE COMMUNES IN KWANTUNG AND HAINAN.

I. PRG LEADER INVITES FOREIGN INVESTMENT

NGUYEN HUU THO, CHAIRMAN OF THE NLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PRG ADVISORY COUNCIL, HAS SAID

THAT IT IS VIET CONG POLICY TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN CAPITAL INVEST-
MENT IN SOUTH VIET- NAM. IN AN INTERVIEW GRANTED TO THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE PUBLICATION THONG NHUT (UNIFICATION) ON THE FOURTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRG, THO CLAIMED THAT THE COMMUNISTS
" ALWAYS RESPECT PRIVATE OWNERSHIP AND THE RIGHT TO FREE ENTERPRISE-
SUBJECT TO RESPECT " FOR OUR PEOPLE' S INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY AND THE LAW OF OUR PEOPLE' S DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION."
(COMMENT: PENDING SIGNS OF US INVESTOR INTEREST IN LIBERATED
AREAS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD DEFER QUERYING OPIC REGARDING
GUARANTEES. END COMMENT).

J. VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS ACTIVE IN ARGENTINA

NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG ENVOYS HAVE
TRIED, APPARENTLY WITH SOME SUCCESS, TO AMASS SOME DIPLOMATIC
(AND PROPAGANDA) CAPITAL AS A RESULT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION
IN THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES FOR PRESIDENT CAMPORA. HANOI' S
REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR VU HAC GONG WHO IS ACCREDITED TO CHILE,
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CALLED ON CAMPORA AT THE LATTER'S RESIDENCE ON MAY 25 AND WAS
FETED AT A "CORDIAL DINNER" HOSTED BY SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER
LOPEZ ROGA ON MAY 26. THE VIET CONG ENVOY, AMBASSADOR VO ANH
TUAN (RESIDENT IN HAVANA) WAS RECEIVED BY CAMPORA ON MAY 25.
TUAN CONVEYED THE VIET CONG'S GRATITUDE FOR THE INVITATION TO THE
INAUGURATION WHEREUPON CAMPORA REPORTEDLY STATED HIS SINCERE
WISH "THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN US DEVELOP WITH EVERY PASSING
DAY." TUAN WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY LOPEZ WHO EXPRESSED
"HIS PERSONAL DEEP SENTIMENT" TO THE "ANTI-IMPERIALIST
STRUGGLE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE." THE VIETNAMESE WERE ALSO
SAID TO HAVE MET WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT FIGURES, LEGISLATORS,
AND PEACE ACTIVISTS. TUAN ALSO EXPOUNDED ON THE "PRESENT
SITUATION IN VIET-NAM" OVER ARGENTINIAN TV.

K. DRV DELEGATION ARRIVES IN PEKING

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PARTY AND STATE DELEGATION LED
BY PARTY FIRST SECRETARY LE DUAN AND DRV PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG
ARRIVED IN PEKING THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4 FOR AN "OFFICIAL
FRIENDLY VISIT." THE DELEGATION WAS MET BY TOP CHINESE LEADERS,
INCLUDING CHOU EN-LAI, AND, THE SAME EVENING, WAS FETED AT A
BANQUET HOSTED BY THE CHINESE PREMIER. THE VISIT OCCASIONED A
PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL WHICH, WHILE PLEDGING CONTINUED CHINESE
SUPPORT FOR THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS DURING THE POST-WAR
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